

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image capturing apparatus (16) with an image capturing unit (1) and an image fitting surface (31) in which the optical axis (6) of the image capturing unit (1) passes from said image capturing unit (1) through the image fitting surface (31) to the image, wherein the image capturing unit is disposed so that the optical axis (6) of the image capturing unit (1) is disposed inclined at an angle α of more than 5° with respect to a normal (7) of the image fitting surface (31) in a region in which the optical axis (15) meets ~~traverses~~ the image fitting surface (31) ~~and in which the normal (7) traverses the image fitting surface (31).~~

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the angle α is less than 50° ~~or less than 35°, preferably less than 30°.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The image capturing apparatus

(16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the image capturing unit (1) comprises an angle of sight β of less than 30° , ~~preferably of less than 15° .~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the image capturing unit (1) comprises a focal length that is more than double, ~~preferably more than four times,~~ the size of the maximum diagonal of an image capturing sensor of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the angle α is at least half the size of the angle of sight β of the image capturing unit (1), ~~preferably at least the same size as the angle of sight β of the image capturing unit (1).~~

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein an optical device (33) is disposed between the image capturing unit (1) and the image fitting surface (31).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, comprising a lighting device (39).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 8, wherein the lighting device (39) comprises light-emitting diodes (40) as the light-emitting means.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 9, wherein the light-emitting means are disposed in immediate proximity to the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 8, wherein the lighting device (39) comprises colored light-emitting means, ~~preferably colored light-emitting diodes (14).~~

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, comprising at least one optical screen (12) that is disposed outside of a light path (4) of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 12, wherein the optical screen (12) is disposed between the image fitting surface (31) and the image capturing unit (1) and/or a lighting device (39).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 12, wherein the optical screen (12) comprises a light-absorbing surface (13) and that the light-absorbing surface is turned toward the image fitting surface (31).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, comprising a housing (17) portions of which comprise a translucent material.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 15, wherein the translucent material is a reflection-reducing material, ~~preferably an anti-reflection glass.~~

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, comprising a positioning device (20).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 17, wherein the positioning device (20) comprises a protection means, ~~preferably a padding,~~ that protects an object placed on the positioning device (20) from damage and that moreover shields, together with the object, the

image capturing unit (1) from ambient light (28).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A method of capturing an image shown in a display (2; 26), wherein an image capturing unit (1) is held obliquely relative to the display (2; 26).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method as set forth in claim 19, wherein the display (2; 26) is substantially placed onto an image fitting surface (31).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The method as set forth in claim ~~20~~ 19, wherein the display (2; 26) is illuminated during image capturing by light having a wavelength of between 450 nm ~~preferably between 500 nm and 600 nm, preferably of 550 nm.~~

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method as set forth in claim 19, wherein the display (2; 26) is lit by light beams of a lighting device (39) and that the light beams travel substantially along a light path (4) of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): An arrangement (10; 14) consisting of an image capturing unit (1) and of a display (2; 26), wherein the optical axis (6) of the image capturing unit (1)

is disposed at an angle α to the normal (7) of the display (2; 26).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) for capturing an image from a display (2), more specifically from an LC-display (26) or from a specular reflecting surface (11).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) for capturing an image from a surface that is covered by at least one transparent layer (32).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) for reading an optical code (25) that is preferably displayed on a display (2; 26) or on a specular reflecting surface (11).